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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

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1. (Amended) An automation system comprising:  
at least one automation object;  
a directory for storing object names of the at least one automation object;  
an object name assigned to a directory entry which includes first information data as a reference to the at least one automation object, second information data as a description of technological functionality and third information data as a description of interfaces of the at least one automation object, wherein once entry into the directory has taken place, the at least one automation object can be viewed by at least one of other users and tools and wherein the object name of the at least one automation object can be used to request a reference to the at least one automation object and wherein the at least one automation object can be worked on by a number of users in parallel.
  2. (Amended) The automation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the directory entry includes fourth information data for listing the names of subcomponents of the at least one automation object.
  3. (Amended) The automation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the automation system includes means for the automatic entry of an automation object into the directory.

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4. (Amended) The automation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the automation system includes means for indicating that an automation object is no longer available and that a copy of the object is being created.

**Please add the following new claims:**

-- 5. The automation system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the automation system includes means for the automatic entry of an automation object into the directory.

6. The automation system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the automation system includes means for indicating that an automation object is no longer available and that a copy of the object is being created.

7. The automation system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the automation system includes means for indicating that an automation object is no longer available and that a copy of the object is being created.

8. The automation system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the automation system includes means for indicating that an automation object is no longer available and that a copy of the object is being created. --

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are now present in this application, with new claims 5-8 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-4 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory